

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a massage program having a plurality of message stages with different message parameters in a massage machine for providing a message according to said message program, said method comprising the steps of storing a change in message parameter performed in a desired message stage during an execution of said message program in a memory, and modifying the desired message stage according to the change in message parameter stored in said memory at the next execution of said message program,

~~wherein when a change in total time required for said message program occurs due to the change in message parameter in the desired message stage, the message parameter of another message stage corresponding to the message parameter changed in the desired message parameter is changed such that said message program is completed within a predetermined time period~~

wherein said memory comprises a memory table for storing a required number of message stages having a same message parameter, and when the desired message stage is stored in said memory table as a result of the change in message parameter, another message stage stored at a predetermined position in said memory table is deleted from said memory table, and the message parameter of said another message stage deleted from said memory table is changed such that said message program is completed within a predetermined time period.

2. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said massage machine is a chair-type massage machine having a backrest portion, in which a massage head for providing a massage action is incorporated, and said message parameters comprises the kind of massage action, range of massage action, the number of massage actions, massage strength and massage speed.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the required number of message stages having the same message parameter stored in said memory comprises a memory table for storing is a required number of message stages having a same number of message actions, and when the desired message stage is stored in said memory table as a result of the change in the number of message actions, another message stage stored at a predetermined position in said memory table is deleted from said memory table, and the number of message actions of said another message stage deleted from said memory table is changed such that said message program is completed within a predetermined time period.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein the range of message action is~~ A method of controlling a message program having a plurality of message stages with different message parameters in a message machine for providing a message according to said message program, said method comprising the steps of storing a change in message parameter performed in a desired message stage during an execution of said message program in a memory, and modifying the desired message stage according to the change in message parameter stored in said memory at the next execution of said message program,

wherein said message machine is a chair-type message machine having a backrest portion, in which a message head for providing a message action is incorporated, and said message parameters comprises a combination of ranges of message action in width and height directions, and at least one of the kind of message action, the number of message actions, message strength and message speed,

~~wherein said message program comprises a plurality of message stages have~~ having at least one of a same range of message action in the width direction and a same range of message action in the height direction, and

when a change in message parameter performed in one of the message stages is stored in said memory, the message stages having at least one of the same range of message action in the width direction and the same range of message action in the height direction are modified in one lump according to the change in message parameter stored in said memory at the next execution of said message program.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling a message program having a plurality of message stages with different message parameters in a message machine for providing a message according to said message program, said method comprising the steps of storing a change in message parameter performed in a desired message stage during an execution of said message program in a memory, and modifying the desired message stage according to the change in message parameter stored in said memory at the next execution of said message program,

wherein said message parameter comprises range of message action provided by a plurality of blocks, each of which is composed of plural combinations of range of message action in a width direction and range of message action in a height direction,

wherein an optimum block is determined from said blocks by comparing a previously prepared correlation between the range of message action and body information including body weight and body height, with the body information of a user to be massaged; and

one of the plural combinations of the range of message action in the width direction and the range of message action in the height direction is determined in said optimum block to meet the user's preference.

10. (Previously Presented) A message machine for providing a message according to a message program having a plurality of message stages with different message parameters, said message machine comprising:

an input unit configured to input a change in message parameter;

a first memory for temporarily storing the change in message parameter input by said input unit in a desired message stage during an execution of said message program;

a second memory for storing the change in message parameter provided from said first memory after the completion of said message program; and

a control unit configured to control the message program according to the method as set forth in claim 1.

11. (Original) The message machine as set forth in claim 10, wherein the message machine is a chair-type message machine having a backrest portion, in which a message head for providing a message action is incorporated.

12. (Previously Presented) A controller for a message machine for providing a message according to a message program having a plurality of message stages with different message parameters, said message machine comprising:

a first memory for temporarily storing a change in message parameter performed in a desired message stage during an execution of said message program;

a second memory for storing the change in message parameter provided from said first memory after the completion of said message program; and

a control unit configured to control the message program according to the method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the controller is detachable to the message machine, and comprises an input unit configured to input the change in message parameter and a screen for displaying the message parameter.